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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: IAEA, TECH, PARM

SUBJECT: IAEA STUDY OF REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTERS

REF: IAEA VIENNA 8725

1. ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS OF SUBJECT STUDY NOW RESOLVED  
IN SATISFACTORY WAY. DG EKLUND HAS DECIDED PROJECT  
LEADER MECKONI WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO DDG ZHELUEV,  
AND NOT RPT NOT THROUGH POLLIART. IT IS ALSO "FORESEEN"  
THAT CATLIN (U.S.) WILL BE AVAILABLE FULL TIME FOR THE  
STUDY.

2. SUBSTANTIVELY LITTLE IS BEING, OR CAN BE, DONE ON  
TECHNICAL-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF STUDY UNTIL AGENCY OBTAINS  
SERVICES OF EXPERT MODELER/PROGRAMMER (SEE IAEA VIENNA 7699).  
WE KNOW OF NO RPT NO CURRENT PROSPECTS, ASIDE  
FROM U.S., FOR PROVISION OF SUCH EXPERT(S).

3. AGENCY (FISCHER) INFORMED MISOFF THAT DG HAD  
RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM MACNAMARA AT WORLD BANK OFFERING  
CONTRIBUTION OF \$40,000 PLUS SERVICES OF EXPERTS TO ASSIST  
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IN CERTAIN PHASES OF STUDY PROJECT. WE ARE SOMEWHAT

DISMAYED AT THIS NEWS, SINCE WE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT \$100,000 WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM WORLD BANK. THIS MEANS THAT SHORTFALL IN CASH CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN AMOUNT DISCUSSED PARA 12 REFTEL. UNLESS MORE CASH IS FORTHCOMING, MISSION IS NOT RPT NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT STUDY PROJECT CAN BE CARRIED OUT AT PACE DESIRED BY U.S.

4. RE ORGANIZATIONAL/LEGAL ASPECTS, APPARENTLY SOME CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO A FIRST CONSULTANTS MEETING IN EARLY DECEMBER. HOPEFULLY PENDER, DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO U.S., WILL HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES. WE WILL DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH DDG HALL AND FISCHER WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, AND ALSO GET RUN-DOWN ON OTHER POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

5. IN DISCUSSION WITH AUSTRALIAN MISOFF, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ALAN WILSON (AUSTRALIAN AEC) IS EXPOUNDING A DIFFERENT REGIONAL IDEA, ONE RELATED TO REGIONAL/MULTINATIONAL ENTITIES FOR OBTAINING URANIUM, ENRICHMENT SERVICES, OR FABRICATED FUEL. WE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FURTHER INFORMATION ON CONCEPT AND HOPED AUSTRALIA WOULD SUPPORT AGENCY'S REGIONAL STUDY, POINTING OUT THAT THE TWO IDEAS APPEAR TO BE COMPLIMENTARY. FRG REPS (HEIL, FREYTAG) WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED MATTER APPARENTLY HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD BASIS OF U.S. INTEREST IN AGENCY STUDY. HEIL INDICATED THEY WILL LOOK AGAIN AT POSSIBILITY OF FRG SUPPORT BEYOND OCCASIONAL SHORT-TERM CONSULTING.LABOWITZ

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